ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

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An apparatus for reproducing and outputting program information, has a reproduction unit which reproduces the program information recorded on a recording medium; an output unit which outputs the reproduced program information; and a controller which controls a reproducing operation carried out by the reproduction unit. The controller includes an image-data registering device which acquires image data from a recording medium on which the program information including the image data is recorded and registers the acquired image data into a memory, and an image-data outputting device which reads out the image data from the memory and outputs the read-out image data to the output unit in cases where audio data is reproduced from a recording medium on which the program information including the audio data but including no image data is recorded.